

pay a higher price, if needs be, for the sake of a change. So that if a berry can be found of a different appearance and flavor, even if ripening at the same time with the Wilson, which is sufficiently reliable, productive and popular, it may be more profitable to cultivate that variety to some extent, instead of relying exclusively on the Wilson. The thing to be ascertained is whether we have such a berry, and the object of these notes is to lay before the readers of the HORTICULTURIST such information as we now have of the several varieties claiming attention, so that they may be aided in the selection of those they desire to plant.

Prominent among the sorts of later introduction, we notice the

#### CRESCENT SEEDLING.

This variety was introduced by Mr. Parmelee, of New Haven, Conn., about ten years ago, and has during this time become widely disseminated. In so far as we have had an opportunity of observing it, we have found it to maintain its eastern reputation for hardiness, vigor of growth and great productiveness, and this seems also to be the general opinion of those Canadian cultivators who have given it a trial. It is certainly a most vigorous grower, having large, healthy foliage, which does not seem to spot or scald in the hottest weather, and it is also quite able to endure our winters as well as the Wilson. In point of productiveness it rivals the Wilson, being considered by many of our observing cultivators *as productive* as that well known variety. On account of its very vigorous habit, we are confident that it should be allowed abundance of room, in order to the production of the finest berries and largest crop. The berries are not of extraordinary size, but there are less small berries than of the Wilson, hence the crop is more uniform. The color is a bright scarlet, which is more attractive than the dark, dull red of the Wilson; in flavor it is not so tart, nor is it any richer, if as rich; the flesh is a light pink, and not quite as firm. These seem to be the points of this berry. The fact that the flesh is not as firm as that of the Wilson detracts considerably from its value as a shipping fruit, but for a near market its bright color and fair, uniform size, coupled with the vigor, hardiness and productiveness of the plant, give it considerable value. It should be stated that the flowers are pistillate, and therefore it should be planted near other varieties which produce an abundance of pollen.